

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13, 16 and 17 are pending in this Application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected, and Claims 3-13, 16 and 17 stand objected to as being based upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has however kindly indicated that Claims 3-13, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, by this paper it is respectfully proposed that independent Claim 1 be amended so as to contain all the limitations of Claims 2 and 3 (Claim 3 being directed to allowable subject matter), and Claim 4 be amended to depend upon amended independent Claim 1. It is proposed that Claims 2 and 3 be cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 when amended as proposed and Claims 4-13, 16, and 17, dependent directly or indirectly upon Claim 1 (the claims remaining in this Application), would now be allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

The proposed amendments are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the Application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

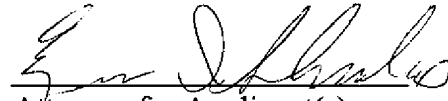
Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above proposed amendments and remarks, this Application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner deems the Application to not be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered as placing the Application in better form for Appeal.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,



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